

Appl. No. 09/536,577

Response to January 27, 2006 Office Action

REMARKS

In the January 27, 2006 Office Action, claims 12-15 were rejected and claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-11 were allowed. This Response cancels claims 12-15, without prejudice or disclaimer, to expedite allowance of the pending claims. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-11 (9 total claims; 2 independent claims) remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Fiat, USPN 5,592,552 (hereinafter "Fiat") for the reasons set forth in previous Office Actions. Applicant seeks to avoid extended prosecution of the present application even though Applicant maintains that Fiat does not anticipate claims 12-15. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claims 12-15 to expedite allowance of the remaining claims. Therefore, the §102 rejection of claims 12-15 is now moot.

In conclusion, for the reasons given above, all claims now presently in the application are allowable. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at (480) 385-5060.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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